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The following reports were ordered to be printed:

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

Twenty-eight meetings of the Academy were held since the beginning of last December with an average attendance of thirty. Verbal communications were made by Messrs. Woolman, Harshberger, Palmer, Davis, J. C. Morris, Hamilton, Chapman, Pilsbry, Keeley, Montgomery, Calvert, A. E. Brown, Strong, Taylor, Kennedy, Hopper, Dixon, Sharp, Conklin, DuBois, Philips, Fowler, Strong, and Stone. Without attempting to estimate the comparative importance of these, it may be noted that the remarks of Messrs. Chapman and Brown, made at the meeting of November 3, on the fine collection of anthropoids presented by Dr. Thomas Biddle, attracted the largest assembly of the year.

Fifty-five papers have been presented for publication, as follows: Henry W. Fowler, 7; Henry A. Pilsbry, 5; John W. Harshberger, 4; James A. G. Rehn, 4; T. D. A. Cockerell, 3; Howard Crawley, 3; Ralph V. Chamberlain, 2; Thomas L. Casey, 2; Arthur Erwin Brown, 2; Clarence B. Moore, 2; Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr., 2; J. Percy Moore, 2; Adele M. Fielde, 2; T. Chalkley Palmer, 1; Witmer Stone, 1; Witmer Stone and J. A. G. Rehn, 1; William Morton Wheeler, 1; Henry Skinner, 1; Edw. B. Meigs, 1; Frederick W. True, 1; Nathan Banks, 1; Persifor Frazer, 1; Carl H. Eigenmann and C. H. Kennedy, 1; E. G. Conklin, 1; Dana B. Costeel, 1; J. A. G. Rehn and T. D. A. Cockerell, 1, and E. G. Vanatta, 1.

Three of these (one as yet presented only by title) belong to the *Journal*. Two of those intended for publication in the *Proceedings* have been withdrawn, three have been returned to the authors, one was transferred to the Entomological Section and one has been held for the next volume. The others will constitute the volume for the current year.

Nine hundred and twelve pages of the *Proceedings* for 1903, illustrated by 44 plates, 340 pages and 15 plates of the *Entomological News*, 472 pages and 8 plates of the *Transactions of the American Entomological Society* (Entomological Section of the Academy) and 322 pages accompanied by 62 plates of the *Manual of Conchology*, published by

the Conchological Section, have been issued. In addition we are indebted to Mr. Clarence B. Moore for the publication of No. 3 of Vol. XII of the *Journal*, consisting of 136 pages, profusely illustrated with text engravings.

Under the auspices of the Academy, therefore, there have been issued during the year 2182 pages and 129 plates of scientific matter.

The statistics of distribution are as follows:

PROCEEDINGS, delivered to members,	518
“ exchanged,	587
“ to subscribers,	45
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	1,150
JOURNAL, exchanged,	70
“ to subscribers,	34
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	104

Thirteen members and five correspondents have been elected. The deaths of seven members and three correspondents have been announced, and the following members have resigned: William H. Roberts, Thomas G. Morton, Charles D. Lippincott, E. Shirley Borden and Miss Ethel Smith.

The most notable event in the year's history was the adoption, May 5, of a revised code of By-Laws, providing for several changes in administration. The most important of these relate to the meetings of the Academy and the duties of the Committee on Publication. Instead of a meeting every Tuesday evening throughout the year, sessions are now held on the first and third Tuesdays from October to May inclusive, thus decreasing the number from fifty-two to sixteen. It was held that the constantly increasing tendency to the division of scientific interests into specialties and the consequent organization of sections and special societies interfered with attendance on general meetings, and that all interests involved would be better secured by meeting less frequently. It is, perhaps, premature to pronounce an opinion on the results of this important change, but it is quite apparent that the interest of the meetings held since last October has been better sustained than for some years previous. The reference of papers direct to the Publication Committee instead of indirectly to the Academy, a change unavoidable in view of the decrease in the number of meetings if promptness of publication were to be secured, has been found in practice to be desirable, as the interval between the reception of a paper and its appearance in print has been much reduced—has been, in fact, reduced as far as seems to be at present practicable, while it is con-

sidered essential that authors should examine, when possible, one proof and frequently a revise. This rule, of course, sometimes involves delay over which the Committee can have only indirect control, but results in such good that there can be no question of its advisability.

A resolution was adopted February 24 requesting the Pennsylvania Topographic and Geologic Survey Commission to survey and prepare maps at an early date of the quadrangles of Coatesville, Phoenixville, Supplee, Oxford and New Holland.

An invitation to meet in Philadelphia during the approaching Christmas vacation has been accepted by the Society of American Zoologists, the American Physiological Society, the Society of Plant Morphologists and Physiologists, the Society of Bacteriologists and the Eastern Branch of the American Society of Naturalists.

A number of the smaller related societies continue to avail themselves of permission to meet in the rooms of the Academy.

The resignation of Dr. Thomas H. Montgomery, Jr., has created a vacancy in the Committee on Instruction and Lectures, and the death of Dr. Charles Schaeffer one in the Committee on Library.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,

Recording Secretary.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Continuing the inquiries begun last year concerning Correspondents whom the postal authorities reported as removed from the recorded addresses, the whereabouts of several have been ascertained during the year. In many cases the reported decease of Correspondents has been authenticated. The assistance of the many persons who furnished biographical and other data in connection with this work is gratefully acknowledged, and especial mention should be made of the War and Navy Departments.

During the year the deaths have been regretfully announced of Augustus Radcliffe Grote, the American entomologist, who had resided for many years in Germany; Carl Gegenbaur, the eminent comparative anatomist, and Julius Victor Carus, the zoologist and bibliographer, Correspondents of the Academy.

On the other hand, the luster of our rolls has been increased by the addition of the names of Theodor Boveri, William Morton Wheeler, Nestor Grehant, Eduard Strasburger and Hugo de Vries, who have been awarded the Academy's diploma in recognition of their distinguished services in the field of scientific research.